Meeting Minutes February 21, 2023

Call to Order 601pm

Attendance

Board Members: Tom Moran, Ed McGrew, George Losleben

Guests John: VanDenBerg, Scott Miller, Joe Perry

Public Comments

John VanDenBerg: Procure WFSA mailing list from county. Board consider creating an Executive Director or Planning Director as expansion conditions dictate. Create a planning document for outreach to WFSA stakeholders.

November/January Minutes

November minutes approved by acclimation for publication

Treasurer Report

Account Balances, 013123:

Working Fund 313,969.56 Capital Fund 864,785.87

February Bills Paid:

NW Energy 1095.55 Flathead Electric 100.00 Big Drift 500.00

Board Member Expenses

Pittsburgh Trip 1527.56 A/V setup 488.62

Review 2023 Budget Plan

\$100K payment to COW

Payment to be revisited at future budget meeting

Outside Accountant

Consider dialing back the request to a bookkeeping service.

Joe Perry to write up an RFQ for publication

PR Service

Board to review Joe Perry's RFQ and discuss at March meeting

New Business

C. Falls Quilt Group, withdrew request to use the conference room

Executive Director

Build an RFQ outline for board discussion

Open Board Seat

Still open, with no apparent applicants

Old Business

Public Relations RFQ, submitted to the board at January meeting by Joe Perry. Board action deferred to March meeting to allow for review of document by entire board

Station 22 2023 Maintenance

Remove/repurpose dunnage and leftover fire tower materials prior to scheduling annual cleaning. Tom volunteered to dismantle packing crates Station 22 Remodel Plan

St. Louis Fire Station Conference. May 2023, No Montana Fire Service Convention, Billings, Oct 11-14, Yes

Outreach Committee

County Commissioner Brodehl

Ed and Tom met with commissioner to discuss WFSA issues. Tom to schedule meeting with Commissioner Abell to discuss current fee structure and other funding issues.

Social Media

Ed to promote new WFSA Facebook page to stakeholders

CMU Simulator Demo

Reschedule longer session with Ed and Scott Miller

Letter to county GIS

Animated discussion concerning the terms under which data would be transferred to WFSA's possession and how the data would be stored. No solution acceptable to a majority of members reached. Issue tabled for further discovery and discussion

Fire Authority Bill

Tony Brockman, Sponsor LC1962, draft in review

Adjourn:

Loss of quorum prior to close of business. The Chair, after consulting rule guides, chose the option to consider the meeting recessed until the next meeting, provided a quorum of members be in attendance March 21st.